

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend paragraph [0021] as follows:

[0021] ~~FIG. 3 is a~~ FIGS. 3(s) and 3(b) are descriptive views of the manufacturing procedure of the airbag shown in FIG. 1.

Please amend paragraph [0023] as follows:

[0023] ~~FIG. 5 is a~~ FIGS. 5(A) -5(c) are descriptive views of the manufacturing procedure shown in FIG. 4.

Please amend paragraph [0026] as follows:

[0026] ~~FIG. 8 is a~~ FIGS. 8(a)-8(c) are descriptive views of the manufacturing procedure shown in FIG. 6.

Please amend paragraph [0036] as follows:

[0036] The airbag 1 is a long and narrow bag inflatable so as to cover the outer surface of the body of the A-pillar (not shown) of the vehicle. The airbag apparatus comprises this airbag 1, and gas generating means such as an inflator (not shown) for inflating the airbag 1. In this airbag apparatus, the airbag 1 is arranged, in the normal state (the vehicle is not suffering from an emergency such as a collision), in a form folded flat and arranged so as to extend substantially vertically along the A-pillar, and is covered by a cover (not shown) attached to the A-pillar. Upon inflation of the airbag 1, the cover has a configuration allowing inflation of the airbag 1 ~~through~~ to burst the cover.